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In re Application  
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FOR: ANKLE BRACE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 17, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

*a1* Claim 1, line 14, delete "begins" and insert --comprises a  
beginning end positioned--.

*a2* Claim 6, line 5, delete "begins" and insert --comprises a  
beginning end positioned--.

*a3* Claim 12, line 5, delete "begins" and insert --comprises a  
beginning end positioned--.

These claims 1, 6 and 12, as amended, are submitted herewith  
on separately-typed pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 and 12 are amended for clarity. It appears that  
in these claims as filed, there was no antecedent for the  
expression "at said beginning end".

Response to Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112